

**To: All Federal Practitioners
in the Sixth Circuit**

2000 Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference

For the second time in its history, the Sixth Circuit will hold an open Conference and all attorneys admitted to practice in the federal courts in the Sixth Circuit are cordially invited to attend. The Court of Appeals has voted to amend its rules to provide for open conferences to be held every other year beginning in 2000. Under the new rule, attorneys attending open conferences without an invitation from a circuit or district judge will receive credit toward applying for life membership in the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference.

The 60th Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference will be held June 1-June 3, 2000 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio. It will open on Thursday morning, June 1; will continue on Friday morning; and will conclude on Saturday morning. The program will include both plenary sessions and small-group breakout sessions. The topics for the plenary sessions will include Innovations in Jury Trials, an Update on the Rules of Evidence and the Proposed Amendments to Rule 26, Zealous Advocacy or Lawyer Misconduct, and a Review of Recent Supreme Court and Sixth Circuit Cases. The small group sessions will include programs on criminal law and sentencing guidelines, bankruptcy law, courtroom technology, developments in healthcare law, and the balancing of professional and family responsibilities.

For many lawyers, the most valuable part of the program will take place on Saturday morning when there will be a meeting for each district planned by the Life Members of the district in conjunction with the district

chief judge. The district meeting format will encourage the active participation by all lawyers and judges in the discussion of issues and problems in that district as well as other issues that may be identified throughout the conference.

Program sessions will adjourn at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday leaving both afternoons free for recreational activities. The Life Members of the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference will host a cocktail party on Thursday evening, June 1, and the Conference banquet will be held on Friday evening, June 2.

All program sessions will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Cincinnati. Register early! Attendance may be limited by space constraints.

During the program sessions, there will be optional recreational activities for spouses.

For those attorneys from Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee, the Conference will seek approved CLE credit for attendance at this program.

If you are interested in attending the 2000 Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference, please complete and return the attached information form by February 15, 2000, so that registration materials can be sent to you in March. If you have any questions concerning the Conference, please feel free to contact the Office of the Sixth Circuit Executive by telephone at 513/564-7200, or by fax at 513/564-7210, or by e-mail at conf2k@ck6.uscourts.gov.

I am interested in attending the 2000 Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference. Please forward registration materials to me, as follows:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Admitted to Practice in Federal Judicial District:

(Circle appropriately)

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NDOH SDOH EDTN MDTN WDTN

If you signed up to attend the 1997 OPEN Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, it is not necessary for you to do so again. You will automatically receive information concerning the 2000 Conference.

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May 31-June 3, 2000

**The Hyatt Regency Hotel
Cincinnati, Ohio**

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